

Detailed Action

In an interview on 4/5/2010 (See attached Interview Summary) Applicant pointed out that the reasons for allowance indicated claim 87 allowable instead of claim 86 which is corrected below; and that a reference was not properly initialed in the IDS received on 7/18/2007. This action is being sent to clarify the record correcting the previous reasons for allowance to indicate the correct claims and provide a properly initialed IDS.

Reasons for Allowance

Claims 86, 89, 92 and 98-101 are allowable. The prior art of record does not include the step of “said areas are grouped into a plurality of subject areas based on said motion of each area of said plurality of areas; said similarity is computed for each of corresponding subject areas in said at least one frame which correspond to said plurality of subject areas; and said processed frame is acquired by obtaining weighting coefficients whose values increase or decrease in correspondence to a reference level of the similarity , then weighting said corresponding areas of said at least one frame with said weighting coefficients, and synthesizing said weighted subject areas and said plurality of subject areas.”

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to SEAN MOTSINGER whose telephone number is (571)270-1237. The examiner can normally be reached on 9-5 M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Bhavesh Mehta can be reached on 571-272-7453. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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